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## Briefly

### Step aerobics sessions slated

The Granite City Park District will be offering two new sessions of step aerobics at the Lincoln Place Community Center. This new exercise is based on the stair climbing concept.

One class will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. The second class will be held from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Classes begin Jan. 5. Registration began Dec. 28 in the Wilson Park office.

Fees are \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. The classes will be limited to 20 in each class. Instructor is Debbie Wietard.

For more information, persons may call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

### Happier days ahead in state

There will be a modest economic recovery in Illinois in 1993, led by an increase in consumer spending, economists predict. The gross state product is projected to be \$312 billion, up 3.2 percent after being adjusted for inflation. An article is on Page 7A.

### Reader opinions

Letters from readers on Page 4A today relate to faded and torn American flags here, local gun enthusiasts' conduct, the need to reduce the growth of the national debt, Granite City health hazards when tree leaves are burned, the new local college faculty contract, and the importance of research in improving school instruction.

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## Deaths

Rose Graham  
Mary Kristian  
Eva Korlik  
John Powell Jr.  
George McDaniel  
Richard Warren

## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
Dec. 28 2:54; Pick 4: 3-2-2-5  
Dec. 28 8:79; Pick 4: 2-2-4-2  
Little Lotto Game  
11:20:25-26-32  
Dec. 27 8:21; Pick 4: 0-6-1-6  
Dec. 28 3:42; Pick 4: 6-4-9-4  
Lotto Game  
03:19:26-33-48-51  
The Wednesday Lotto had an estimated jackpot of \$2 million.

## 75 years ago

Dec. 31, 1917  
The Granite City Press-Record reports that 1918 marks many centennial anniversaries of historical events, including Illinois statehood. Other noted 100th anniversaries are the adoption of the present United States flag, the birth of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, the use of steam for warming houses, soft steel engraving and discovery of the Northwest Passage.

## Trivia

How many prisons has Illinois built in the past 15 years?

See Page 8A

# Wolf to enter city mayoral race

## Long-time state representative seeks 'challenge'

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer



Sam Wolf  
... 13th mayoral hopeful

Sam Wolf, who has represented the area in the state legislature for more than a dozen years, will run for mayor of Granite City in April.

"I intend to go Monday and pick up petitions to run for mayor. We'll take it from there," Wolf said Tuesday.

"I found it hard to look forward to retirement. I don't think I'm ready for a rocking chair yet."

Wolf, 73, was first appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives in October 1975 and served

until January 1977. He was elected to a two-year term in November 1978 and was re-elected to the post six times before he decided not to seek re-election this year after redistricting removed most of his Granite City base from his district.

"I'm looking forward to the (mayoral) race," Wolf said. "It's a crowded field and there are a number of good candidates."

"It will be interesting and I guess the issues will begin to be clarified as we get farther down the line."

Wolf's decision to seek the post being vacated by Mayor Von

Dee Cruse makes him the 13th announced candidate. The twelve others who had taken out mayoral petitions as of Tuesday were: former Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph; Aldermen Dan Brown, Walter Milton, Paul Fisk and Jeff Worthen; former Assistant Fire Chief Bob Bell; high school student Mike Patton; and James Bailey Sr., Steve Bolling, Gary Ingham Sr., Joe McGinness and Dan McGuire.

Wolf said his record on issues such as Tax Incremental Finance funding and the income tax surcharge make it clear he understands the financial challenges facing municipalities.

As one of the original sponsors of the income tax surcharge, Wolf said, he has been disappointed with the state's efforts to reduce the share given to municipalities.

"When that (the law establishing the surcharge) was written, and when it was passed, it was with the idea of helping two areas and only two areas. We wanted to first help fund education and we wanted second to help fund local governments which needed help with their infrastructure," Wolf said.

"Ever since, there have been efforts to take the local govern (See WOLF, Page 8A)

# Corps' changes will hurt MESD

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

A planned reorganization of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — including elimination of 295 jobs at its St. Louis office — could seriously hurt the Metro East Sanitary District, MESD President Shang Greathouse said Tuesday.

Greathouse said that since the Corps took over the logistics of the overhaul of the MESD drainage system, its members have done much more than shuffle papers.

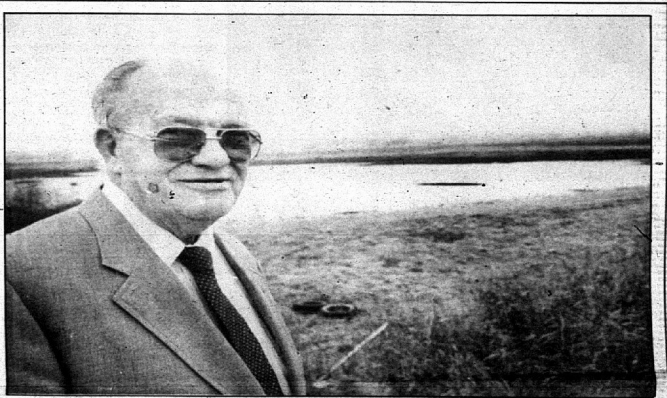
"I'd be walking along a drainage ditch with one of the Corps guys and they'd say, 'You know, Shang, if you'd just move a little dirt here you'd have a holding pond that would really take the pressure off the pump station.'"

"I didn't believe they knew what they were talking about, but I went ahead and did it," Greathouse said. "And you know what? ... They were right."

"I'm sitting here looking at a map — and all of these places that used to be headaches every time it rained. And we haven't got a single call saying, 'My street's flooded' or 'There's water all over my neighborhood.'"

"The other day, I was talking to a couple of guys who've been here 10, 15 years and they were saying that it's like a whole new ball game."

(See CORPS, Page 8A)



Walter "Shang" Greathouse, president of the Metro East Sanitary District, at the site of one of the holding ponds that he credits the Army Corps of Engineers with developing.

# State board urges increase for SIUE

SPRINGFIELD — Faculty and staff at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville would get a 4.5 percent salary hike while students may not see higher tuition if a new state budget is approved.

The staff of the state Board of Higher Education Monday recommended that Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville get about \$2.8 million, or about 4.3 percent more in its operating budget than the university requested.

The board staff recommended a \$69.7 million operating budget for SIUE, up from \$66.39 million this year.

The recommendation was a turnaround from the usual budget game in which the university typically asks for a much larger amount that is then pared by the board and further cut by the Legislature and the governor.

SIUE had only sought a \$71,500 increase or 0.1 percent more in its budget request for next fiscal year starting July 1. SIUE President Earl Lazerson called it a

"bare bones" request.

Lazerson said the staff recommendation to give SIUE more than it requested "is gratifying." If the recommendation is approved by lawmakers and the governor, it would allow SIUE to more than double the salary increases it had proposed for next year, Lazerson said.

The "bare bones" budget request had anticipated only a 2 percent salary boost that would come from the current budget by eliminating some programs in little demand.

That will be added to the 2.5 percent raise in the budget recommended by the board staff, Lazerson said.

SIUE's proposed budget had called for a 3.5 percent tuition increase next school year, but Lazerson said that if the recommended budget is approved, "I would not anticipate we would seek a tuition increase."

The state board staff recommended that \$1.2 million of the increase be used for salary hikes, and \$671,000 to improve



Earl Lazerson

undergraduate education and programs to help minority students.

Another \$483,000 was included for operation and maintenance of buildings, \$539,500 for costs of shifting from the quarter to semester system and \$100,000 more for library materials.

Higher Education Board Executive Director Richard Wagner strongly urged the state university system boards to follow his staff's urging that they not increase tuition next school year.

Wagner said increases during the 1980s were more than double (See SIUE, Page 8A)

# Pontoon board maintains Victoria address changes

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

You live somewhere for 30 years and suddenly, almost overnight and through no action of your own, you find yourself living somewhere else.

About 30 families in Pontoon Beach found themselves in a similar situation after the Village Board unanimously adopted new house numbers on Victoria Drive Dec. 8. None of the residents actually moved, but the addresses of about 30 of the 35 houses on the street were changed to accommodate the Madison County emergency 911 system.

At a Village Board meeting Tuesday night, a proposal to revert back to the old numbering system — with only three exceptions — failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Glen Wilson explained the situation to about 40 residents of the area at the meeting Tuesday night.

While the Village Board has the authority to number houses and name streets, they often adopt those suggested by the



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developer of the subdivision, Wilson said.

When Victoria Drive was established more than 30 years ago, house numbers were started at both ends of the street. Thus, six houses in the middle of the block — two each with numbers 24, 25 and 26 — had duplicate numbers. Odd and even numbered houses were on both sides of the street, and some addresses were not in numerical sequence.

When the 911 system was established this year, the county requested that the numbers be changed to eliminate duplication and reflect a logical sequence.

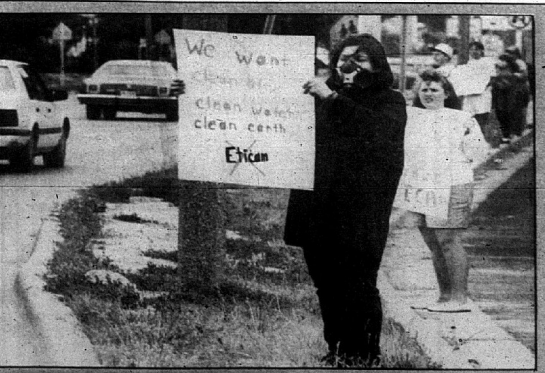
The county said the logical numbering would ensure quick and efficient responses to the area in (See ADDRESSES, Page 8A)

# Pictures tell the stories

A picture may not always be worth a thousand words, but many times it at least comes close.

Staff photographer Pam Doepeke-Hurd captured the scene at right in May — effectively telling a story that continued to unfold throughout the year as area residents protested the plans of Eiticam Granite-Inc. to build a hazardous-waste treatment plant here.

It is one of approximately 6,000 photos printed in the pages of the Granite City Press-Record and Journal during 1992. On today's Lifestyle Page, we present some of the most memorable photos of the year.



# Track training replacements

By Martin Richter  
Staff writer

Pari-mutuel clerks at Fairmount Park were in limbo on Tuesday, not knowing if their jobs at the track were gone for good. Replacement workers trained there Tuesday for a second day in preparation for the track's reopening Saturday.

Approximately 240 clerks went on strike Dec. 16 after contract talks broke down. There has been no racing at Fairmount since then.

After management began hiring replacement workers last week to take the place of the striking clerks, union members decided to give in and accept management's last offer, said John Huff, steward of Service Employees International Union Local 824.

But a letter to notify management that the union would accept its terms — including what union members said is a 50 percent pay cut — was not received by management until Monday, Director of Public Relations Mary Orzanic said.

Huff said that, as of Tuesday, management had (See TRACK, Page 8A)



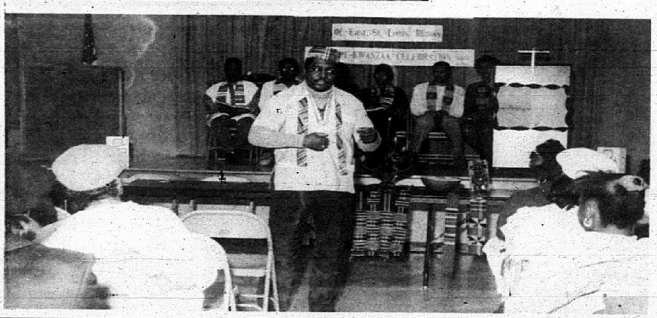


**Kwanzaa** — A Kwanzaa celebration was held at the Venice Public Library Dec. 23. In top photo, Delores Coleman, left, and Shalonta Latham, both of Venice, respond to poetry readings. In middle photo, Diane Morgan and her three-year-old daughter, Irene, enjoy the poetry. In bottom photo, Eugene Redmond of the Writers Club in East St. Louis explains Kwanzaa to the audience.



## FACES IN THE CROWD

(Photos by T.W. MILLER)



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## Tree recycling sites listed

Are you wondering what to do with your live Christmas tree now that Christmas is over?

**Recycle it.**  
Granite City will accept Christmas trees at its yard waste collection point at Terminal Avenue and Victory Drive. The trees will be accepted through Jan. 9. They will be mulched by the street department.

In addition to the city, other area agencies are also accepting Christmas trees:

**Drop-off sites:**  
Pin Oak Township, Pin Oak Township Highway Garage, Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Contact Mike Fruth at 656-1621.

St. Jacob, Old St. Jacob Township Shed, south of town. Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Contact Rick Seger at 644-3782.  
Edwardsville Township, Edwardsville Township Park, Center Grove Road, Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Contact Jeff Hessel at 288-9331.

Collinsville Township, Collinsville Township High Garage, Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Contact Larry Trucano at 344-0013. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Highland City Utility, Highway 140, 2610 Plaza Drive, south entrance, Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Contact Carla Zambist at 654-6071.

**Landfill drop-off:**  
Laidlaw Rbxana Landfill, Cahokia Road, Dec. 26-Jan. 4. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon; Sunday, closed. Free of charge.

Waste Management Chain of Rocks Recycling and Disposal Facility, Chouteau Island, Dec. 26-Jan. 9. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, closed. Free of charge.

## Police log

### Granite City

#### Arrested for battery

John W. Holik, 47, of the 1900 block of State Street, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 28 for battery.  
Clyde Cornell, 60, told police that Holik shoved him against a wall.  
Holik was lodged pending \$77 bail.

#### Alleged gunman nabbed

James H. "Joe" Rucker, 27, of Washington Park was arrested at 9:37 p.m. Dec. 27 for aggravated assault and unlawful use of a weapon.

Granite City officers dispatched to the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue were told that a man had held a 17-year-old woman at gunpoint and then fled in a yellow Ford LTD.

Madison police officers stopped Rucker in a car at Third Street and McCambridge Avenue. A .45-caliber weapon was found under the front seat of the vehicle, according to a police report.  
Rucker was lodged pending \$214 bail.

#### Domestic charge filed

Paul K. Austin, 17, of the 1700 block of Primrose Avenue, was arrested at 11:53 a.m. Dec. 27 for domestic battery.  
Witnesses told police that Aus-

tin called his 47-year-old mother names, slapped her twice in the face and hit her in the nose with his fist.

#### 2 charges against man

Anthony P. Stasiak, 22, of the Parktowne West Mobile Home Park, was arrested at 12:12 a.m. Dec. 27 for battery and criminal trespass to property.

Officers dispatched to the 2100 block of Nevada Avenue were told by witnesses that Stasiak had been in a front yard without permission, refused to leave when told, and struck Joseph Brock, 43, in the face with his fist.

#### Stepfather is charged

Ronald D. Davis, 43, of the 2500 block of Lincoln Avenue, was arrested at 6:32 p.m. Dec. 26 for domestic battery.

Witnesses told police that Davis punched his 17-year-old stepdaughter in the face.  
Davis was lodged pending \$107 cash bail.

#### Charged with assault

Rodger L. Hahn, 29, of the 2400 block of Logan Avenue, was arrested at 4:49 p.m. Dec. 26 for domestic battery and assault.

Hahn is alleged to have struck his wife in the head with his fist and with a telephone.  
Hahn was combative with police both at the scene and at the police station, it was alleged.

## Program will help state troopers help unlucky travelers

It was a dark and stormy night. The trooper's headlights picked up a car on the side of the road — lights flashing and hood raised as a sign of distress. How does an Illinois State Police trooper help a stranded family with five children, no food, no money, a dead car and no social service agencies nearby on a cold winter night?

It's a common problem, and the troopers have often relied on their own personal generosity — sometimes even paying for the family's needs out of their own pockets to help luckless travelers. That is, until now.

A new agreement between the Illinois State Police and The Salvation Army, called Project Help, will guarantee payment for such essentials as meals, lodging, or auto repair when travelers have met unforeseen disaster.

Illinois "First Lady" Brenda Edgar joined State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer and Lt. Col. Dennis L. Phillips of The Salvation Army to inaugurate the assistance program for The Salvation Army Midland Division.

"The habit of helping others when they're in need is one of the greatest features of life in Illinois," said Edgar. "This partnership between the Illinois State Police and The Salvation Army will help end this tradition to travelers when they may be faced with unforeseen emergencies."

"My husband and I are delighted to see this kind of cooperative venture between an

agency of the state and The Salvation Army."

Gainer thanked Edgar for her support. Both she, Gainer said, and her husband, Gov. Jim Edgar, have an abiding personal commitment to assisting the less fortunate.

The inauguration of Project Help in more than 90 Illinois counties will extend the spirit of charity and commitment to service that the Edgar's have shown.

Troopers can now get immediate help for stranded motorists or individuals without money for gasoline, transportation, lodging, or meals. Under the program, Gainer said, troopers will have vouchers in their squads to be used when they take someone who needs help to a gas station, restaurant or motel. They will give a voucher to that service provider who will submit the bill directly to The Salvation Army.

The assistance program encompasses 92 Illinois counties with The Salvation Army Heartland and Midland Divisions, based in Peoria and St. Louis.

"We are proud to have the assistance of the Illinois State Police in reaching out to those who need our aid," said Phillips. The Salvation Army command-

er, Midland Division. He said that Project Help would start in the Midland Division, an area

that encompasses a block of 50 Illinois counties — from Adams County along the Mississippi River down to Massac at the state's southern end.

At the same time, The Salvation Army Heartland Division would oversee Project Help in the state's northern counties, excluding the Chicago area. He said that other state highway patrols are already participating in this type of program, which Hahn proved to be very successful.

"The Illinois State police is pleased for this support from The Salvation Army," continued Gainer. "Too often, citizens view our troopers as enforcers alone. In many instances they are also Good Samaritans in uniform. This program is a welcome addition to Illinois State Police services."

**Madison County Transit**  
**ADA Paratransit Plan**  
**Public Meeting**  
7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Jan. 14, 1993**  
County Board Room  
157 N. Main  
Edwardsville, Illinois

The new American's for Disabilities Act requires that all fixed-route operators develop a plan for "complementary" paratransit service for those individuals who are unable to use accessible fixed-route bus service.

A draft copy of the plan will be available from MCT beginning Jan. 7, 1993 in regular and large print, and tape cassette versions.

Anyone who would like to comment on the plan may submit written comments to the address listed below or may call 797-1108 between January 7-15 and leave a taped message.

Disabled persons who need transportation to the meeting may arrange a ride with ACT at 931-7411.

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## Stadium work to be

Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson and Southern Illinois University Carbondale officials are planning to begin construction on the new Olympic Festival week by light torch sculpted from ice to represent Festival torch.

More than 30 individuals have in-kind services make construction of the Olympic Festival Field and soccer field.

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The fund-raiser began in January and agreed to accept coordinating the Citizens Committee.

Mary Kane, on volunteer support project.

Donors of the include: Allstate Foundation; Illinois Shield of Illinois; Edwardsville; Quarry Co.; Cedar Rapids Community Vision Inc.; Mechanical Inc.; Fence Co.; ar; Chivetta Architects. Also donating are Highland Concrete Inc.; J-F Electric; Kienstra Inc.; Lahr Brothers.

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On Nov. 19 Engineers announced restructuring, which would h communities h zation plan wou from Rock Isl Corps offices.

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## Stadium work set to begin

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, along with Southern Illinois University and Edwardsville officials, marked the beginning of construction on the \$5.2 million Olympic Festival stadium last week by lighting a 6-foot-tall torch sculpted from 1,500 pounds of ice to represent the Olympic Festival torch.

More than 300 companies and individuals have pledged cash or in-kind services — or both — to make construction of the SIUE Olympic Festival Track and Field and soccer stadium a reality.

Ralph Korte, coordinator of the Citizen's Committee in charge of raising money for the track, also announced changes to the stadium itself last Wednesday, noting the addition of special facilities for the disabled including ramps, elevators, locker rooms and washroom facilities.

Additionally, the new track will have straightaways on both the east and west sides to allow sprint events to be held independent of strong winds.

The track curves are being changed to "broken back curves" and made more sweeping, Korte said, which should allow faster times for most events.

The fund-raising campaign began in January when Korte agreed to accept the challenge of coordinating the work of the Citizens Committee, according to Mary Kane, one of the original volunteer supporters of the stadium project.

Donors of \$5,000 or more include: Allsup, Inc.; Alton Foundation; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois; city of Edwardsville; C-Mac; Columbia Quarry Co.; ConAgra; Consolidated Communications Inc.; DC Vision Inc.; DuCo; Gent Mechanical Inc.; Granite City Fence Co.; and Hastings and Chivetta Architects Inc.

Also donating \$5,000 or more are: Highland Ready Mix Concrete Inc.; Illinois Power Co.; J-F Electric; Keller Excavating; Kienstra Inc.; The Killian Co.; Lahr Brothers; Madison Mutual



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAR JR.)

Gov. Jim Edgar lights an Olympic torch sculpted from ice to mark the ground-breaking for the Olympic Festival stadium at SIUE.

Insurance Co.; and Magna Group Inc.

Other donors of \$5,000 or more include: Marsh Co.; Mississippi Lime Co.; NutriBasics; Oates Associates Inc.; RP Lumber Inc.; Richards Brick Co.; Ross and Baruzzini Inc.; Rotary Club of Edwardsville; and The Bank of Edwardsville.

Consolidated Communications Inc. has donated an additional \$50,000 for the new stadium for a total of \$150,000, making it the largest single cash contributor to

the project.

The new donation brings to \$1.4 million the total amount of funds promised for the facility, according to Korte.

The U.S. Olympic Festival will be held in the St. Louis area in July 1994. Officials expect about 4,000 top U.S. amateur athletes to participate. Track and field events will be held at the new SIUE stadium, according to Dennis Bond, president of the Metropolitan St. Louis Festival Organizing Committee.

## 3 local libraries among 32 in area getting state grants

Secretary of State and State Librarian George H. Ryan announced recently that 32 libraries in the metro area will receive \$364,895 in general purpose per capita grants from his office. The largest grant awards will go to libraries in Alton, Belleville, East St. Louis and Granite City.

Ryan won funding from the General Assembly last spring to increase the award from 91 cents per capita in fiscal year 1992 to 92 cents in fiscal year 1993. As a result, a total of 573 public libraries will share nearly \$9.5 million in per capita grants this year, up from \$9 million last year.

"Although this was a very difficult fiscal year providing libraries with this increase was

among my highest priorities," Ryan said. "These grants give libraries great flexibility to improve their collections and services, and I am very hopeful that we can continue a similar level of funding next year."

In addition to the per capita grants, \$116,453 in equalization grants will be awarded to three libraries. The largest share, \$115,846, will go to East St. Louis Public Library. Equalization grants are given when local property taxes are not adequate to fund local public libraries at state minimum standards.

Area libraries receiving grants include: Belleville Public Library, Cahokia Public Library, Caseyville Public Library, Collinsville Memorial Public Library, Columbia Public

Library, Daugherty Public Library District in Dupo, East St. Louis Public Library, Edwardsville Public Library, Fairview Heights Public Library, Granite City Public Library District, Hecker Public Library, Lebanon Public Library.

Madison Public Library, Mascoutah Public Library, Millstadt Public Library, New Athens District Library, O'Fallon Public Library, Smithton Public Library District, Tri-Township Public Library District in Troy, Valmeyer Public Library District, Venice Public Library, Morrison-Talbot Library in Waterloo and the Worden Public Library District.

## Seat belt blitz is continuing

Illinois State Police will continue to saturate the roadways with officers for remaining days of the department's seat belt blitz.

According to Director Terrance W. Gainer, the department will make every effort to see that people reach their holiday destinations safely.

Gainer said all sworn officers, including those normally assigned to non-patrol functions, will be working road shifts.

"This increased visibility is a further attempt to see that the holiday season is not marred by tragedy resulting from traffic accidents," said Gainer.

"I encourage motorists to help us by practicing common sense when they get behind the wheel. This begins by using safety belts and child restraint seats."

"With the increase in traffic and the possibility of hazardous road conditions and winter storms, motorists need to be extra cautious," Gainer said.

These precautions include:

- Using reliable transportation.
- Always filling the gas tank before entering open country, even for a short distance.
- Carrying a blanket and warm clothing.
- Traveling in convoy with

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— Terrance Gainer  
State police head

another vehicle if possible.

• Notifying someone of your exact route or travel and itinerary before departing.

Gainer added that the current deer hunting season means deer are more active than usual, and motorists should be on alert. He said the department has investigated many accidents involving vehicles either striking deer or trying to avoid them.

During week four of the blitz, Gainer said troopers issued 1,608 citations and 2,211 warnings for seat belt violations.

An additional 81 motorists received tickets for ignoring child restraint laws, while 63 were issued warnings. The six-week blitz, which began Nov. 22 and concludes on Jan. 2, emphasizes public education and enforcement.

## BUSY BEA'S BEAUTY SHOP

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## Congressmen protest Corps change

Three Illinois congressmen and Sen. Paul Simon on Dec. 23 protested the announced reorganization of the Army Corps of Engineers, which could cost southern and southwestern Illinois vital federal infrastructure assistance.

"The Corps' proposal would effectively undermine the mission of revitalizing our economy, which will rely heavily on federal investment in our nation's infrastructure," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville.

The letter — signed by Simon, Costello, and U.S. Reps. Richard Durbin and Glenn Poshard — emphasized the detrimental effect of the proposed 295 job cuts to the St. Louis district Corps office.

"Local governments in our region rely heavily on the St. Louis Corps for advice and information concerning infrastructure projects," the letter states. "We believe the overall mission of the Corps as well as the role of local governments in our region should not be adversely affected by the restructuring plan."

On Nov. 19 the Army Corps of Engineers announced a major restructuring plan nationwide, which would hit Illinois-served communities hard. The reorganization plan would also shift jobs from Rock Island and Chicago Corps offices.

While the members agree that

the cost savings from the restructuring is appropriate given the federal belt-tightening, the members indicated their concern that Illinois takes among the hardest hits of all states.

"We believe it is important to

note that the previous proposed reorganization plan highlighted the St. Louis district office as one potential area for expansion," the letter says. "We plan to carefully examine this proposal in detail."

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When we are men with Christ that we have to walk in newness of life. Our attitudes about life will certainly change. It will be a joy to face every day, regardless of our circumstances. And who not since Christ is with us never to leave nor forsake us.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Year begins on high note

Even the most ardent pessimists are hard pressed to find a down side in the news last week that American Steel Foundries will reopen and expand its Granite City foundry in the coming year.

With the potential of creating as many as 1,300 jobs in the area, this is such good news that everyone—including Gov. Jim Edgar—is taking partial credit for making it happen. But the real credit should go to the people who live and work here. These are the people who, through support for local schools, ensured that this area has an educated work force. These are the people who, through their elected leaders, provided the public support and public services that give this area an atmosphere attractive to business.

By placing visionary leaders in power in organized labor, these are the people who made sure that both labor and industry get fair treatment in this region. And, perhaps most of all, these are the people who, through their personal ethics and morals passed on to their children, created a local work force that wants to work to succeed.

So as the new year approaches, everyone in Granite City, Madison, Venice, Pontoon Beach, Mitchell and the surrounding areas should take time to pat themselves on the back, and perhaps raise their glass in a toast to themselves, for making it possible for American Steel Foundries to reopen.

## 1992 brought disasters but also rekindled hope

Carol Clarkin writes this column for the Edwardsville Journal.

When Charles Dickens began "A Tale of Two Cities" with the line, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," he could have been writing of any time in history. It all depends on your vantage point. For some, 1992 has been A-O-K-for others, it's spelled disaster.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth has described it (in Latin, yet) as a "horrible year"—strictly, I'm afraid, from a very personal viewpoint. After all, there's still a roof on Buckingham Palace and food on plenty on the long banquet table.

Holders of pharmaceutical stocks would be crying crocodile tears if they bemoaned their sorry plight.

The scenic view has been somewhat different for a lot of former employees of companies like Sony, McDonnell Douglas or IBM or Digital Equipment, to name only three of many. It's been surreal, unbelievable for folks in Somalia or Bosnia, Miami or Kauai.

Among our thrasmeas this year, a couple who have lived a number of years now in Kilauea, Kauai. We had worried about them, naturally, when Hurricane Iniki struck their island, and were relieved that things hadn't been worse for them than they were.

June wrote, "Iniki was clocked at 27 mph at its highest, with sustained winds of 165 mph, the third worst disaster ever in the United States, and all of it suffered by this tiny island, only 35 miles in diameter and with a resident population of only 50,000. So it is impossible for anyone who was not here to imagine the total devastation."

"Our home held together, though with considerable damage, and we will be involved for probably another six months in repair—after three months we still have two windows with boards."

"We were without electricity for 76 days and TV is still some months away. I was rather severely cut by flying glass and sustained blood loss (about half), but in spite of all this sounding like a 'poor us' scenario, we are truly, truly lucky."

"I'm feeling great now, our home is comfortable, and to tell the truth, going through a hurricane is probably less trying than having to deal with insurance and adjusters. At least, a hurricane is over more quickly."

"There have even been many blessings from Iniki. The incredible alchemy of people who have shared a collective death experience. The appreciation for things we take for granted—eating, open grocery stores, ice, and on and on. And above all, I guess, patience."

"Boy, that's a hard one. When everyone needs to have their roof repaired, and you want a roofer now. Many lessons to learn, as is true, of course, in anything that happens to us."

Reading her note, I was struck by several things, but primarily the fact that, as humans, we're resilient, we bounce back so quickly, even from those near-death experiences of which she wrote. And we're eternally hopeful.

"Things are going to get better. It won't happen again, at least not here or to us. Lightning never strikes twice in the same place."

Hope does spring eternal. Years ago, I used to enjoy hearing my Aunt Helen and her husband Fritz, sing a sentimental duet called "Whispering Hope." The lyrics are of the inspirational genre, but the melody is purely harmonic, composed for a duet, and the blend of her contralto and his bass was lovely.

"The words spoke of hope," with its gentle persuasion, whispers its comforting word, and advises to "wait till the darkness is over, wait till the tempest is done, hope for the sunshine tomorrow, after the showers are gone."

It's our best bet for '93, hope. I hope that there's a good omen that the president-elect's birthplace was Hope. I hope that Mother Nature doesn't find fit in '93 to visit us with reminders that she's not to be fooled with.

I hope that our mission in Somalia succeeds, I hope that the Four Horsemen depart the Balkans, I hope our economy improves, that our jobless find jobs and our homeless, homes.

And I hope the coming year is better, in all ways, for all of us.

## Deficit cut is vital but not probable

TO THE EDITOR: The election of Bill Clinton is hardly a mandate for the deficit, only 43 percent of the popular vote, so it's safe to say that he was not the choice of most Americans and has no mandate.

The president-elect has promised a tax cut for the middle class, a reduction in the deficit of \$50 billion per year and either a new or expanded federal program for just about every pressure group in the nation.

He is in for some pretty rough sledding because there is no way he can do all of that.

Let's give the newly elected president a chance to help the nation, but let's be on guard against what seems to be coming. From his own campaign rhetoric, it seems certain that Mr. Clinton will work harder at doing everything George Bush did wrong.

It's sad to note that Mr. Clinton was the candidate of labor bosses, social revolutionaries, pressure groups advocating more spending, and many of the internationalists of the Council on Foreign Relations and Tri-teral Commission.

He has a lot of political debts

to pay. We certainly don't want him paying them with taxpayer's money or the nation's independence.

The John Birch Society maintains that too much government has already hurt America, and that the economic slowdown was caused by too much government, too much taxation and too much debt.

President-elect Clinton said he wanted to bring change to government. The kind of change America sorely needs is a cancellation of many government programs, a serious effort to scale down the \$4 trillion national debt, and a reaffirmation of the sovereignty of this nation.

But none of this will happen without grassroots pressure.

The American people must contact their representative in Congress and also the president to urge them not to make matters worse with still more and bigger problems.

We must ask for relief from the programs that we already have. We in the John Birch Society will be doing just that.

Chapter leader, Chapter CXIZ The John Birch Society



## Letters

### Defends college faculty contract

TO THE EDITOR: Ted Farmer (a BAC trustee) is again criticizing Belleville Area College in a recent letter to the editor. He alleges that the college raised taxes to pay for a new faculty contract. He is wrong.

BAC did not raise its tax rate this year. It lowered the rate. The tax rate for BAC is now about what it was 23 years ago. There is no new tax.

It took six months of negotiations to settle the BAC faculty contract. Both sides were tough at the bargaining table.

The resulting agreement is a classic compromise. Nobody is happy with it, but everyone can live with it. The faculty got a 3 percent raise in hard economic times.

Ted Farmer never participated in the negotiation process. He refused to attend committee meetings.

He offered no intelligent comment to the discussions. Now that the contract is settled, he criticizes what was done.

I voted for, and still support, the agreement. Ted's criticism is gibberish.

MARK LEVY  
Belleville Area College

### Gun enthusiasts act responsibly

TO THE EDITOR: Your Dec. 17 edition contained on page 4A an editorial cartoon that I find very offensive. The cartoon suggested that NRA members are a group of murderers or thrill killers.

As a dues-paying member of the National Rifle Association, I find the implications the cartoon makes.

We NRA members are normal people from all walks of life: doctors, lawyers, teachers and all other professions, big or small.

We are responsible people who like to hunt or target practice or just own and enjoy guns. If you would just check the record, you would find very few of us are the sickos your cartoon depicts.

And most of all, the thought of killing someone under any circumstance does not make my mouth water.

JASON CLARK SR.  
Granite City

### Replace faded, torn U.S. flags

TO THE EDITOR: People in the Tri-City area have been calling to my attention the appalling conditions under which some residents and businesses fly our American flag.

I have also viewed some of these flags that are dirty, faded and some torn to shreds. They still fly from the flagpole—not a pretty or patriotic sight.

The proper etiquette and display of our American flag should be that the flag be in good condition. When it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning privately.

Nothing is more distasteful than a view of "Old Glory" hanging in shreds and being treated like an old rag instead of the symbol of our country and the flag that so many of our soldiers fought and died for.

Our flag deserves a better appearance to the community and should be taken down or

replaced when its time has come.

STEVE KONKOVICH  
Granite City

### Leaf burning is a health hazard

TO THE EDITOR: Mayor and City Council, I realize that at this time of year, leaf burning is a major problem for the city.

I realize, too, that leaf burning would seem to be a simple solution to a big problem. Unfortunately, leaf burning would have a major effect on my health, also.

I am one of many people here who suffer from lung disease. The smoke from burning leaves would cause coughing and shortness of breath and could literally put me in the hospital.

It would also limit my personal freedom to shop in the area, go to church or anything that would require leaving my house and braving the outdoors.

All I ask is that you will consider the effects that leaf burning would have on many of the people who live, work and vote here. Thank you for your time and thought on this matter.

FRANK GREATHOUSE  
Granite City

### Schools improve through research

TO THE EDITOR: Education—the last frontier that everyone seems to feel they know how to do. Since everyone has gone through a school system, they feel they know how to teach.

Any parent who has volunteered in a school can tell you, it's a lot more complicated than it seems.

During the early '70s there was a cry for accountability in education. Book companies and new books for all of our disciplines that divided them into a hierarchy of sub-disciplines.

It was great for teachers because we could show parents 40 grades at grading time and explain the grades by pinpointing the skills that hadn't been mastered. We had workbooks, dittos, and kits to cover every skill.

We became text-centered instead of child-centered, blaming the child when he or she didn't learn like we parents had. Too often, we got through the books but left the students behind.

By the '80s, teachers poofed that students could no longer write and they were charged across the way to teaching students to fill in blanks and underline words instead of creating poetry and writing stories.

Reading became the drudgery of doing skill sheets instead of the joy of reading books written by favorite authors on favorite topics.

In the late '80s, teachers decided to take a stand. They were, after all, the professionals hired to teach. It was time they were allowed to do their job.

Society does not go into doctors' offices or engineers' offices and tell them how to do their jobs. In fact, we pay them a great deal of money for their expertise. Like other professions, we must use the research afforded to us to keep up with current times.

People don't purchase appliances made 20 years ago, and 20-year-old cars are in junk yards across the country because modern technology has made them better and more effi-

cient. But when someone doesn't like what is going on in education, they say we must go back to basics. Instead, we must continue to grow like other professionals.

Some of our current beliefs do come from Dewey. He believed that children learn by doing. Current research in gifted education supports this theory.

There are slides available that show the amount of energy used in passive learning opposed to active learning. Psycho-linguists understand what good readers do that we must place more emphasis on.

They have analyzed emergent learners and have discovered that not only do we all "bloom" at different times but emergent learners have misconceptions about what reading is. They haven't figured out that reading has to make sense. Instead, many emergent readers think that, if they can just sound out the word or look up its definition, they will be readers.

Whole-language teachers know that we must place real books into the hands of children if they are ever to read.

We have chosen novels to read in place of basal. No child has fallen in love with their basals, while many have fallen in love with books such as "Where the Red Fern Grows."

Children need to follow story lines, make predictions along the way and confirm or disconfirm what they are reading. They must be taught how to read actively and expect their material to make sense.

Whole-language is taught from the whole to the parts. We do not see language as separate disciplines—reading, writing, and spelling.

Instead, we understand that children must read to become better writers and they must write to become better readers.

We emphasize writing and reading across the curriculum. Students read and write constantly in math, social studies, and science. The emphasis of instruction is placed on comprehension.

Students who are exposed to strong phonics programs suffer greatly by the time they enter fourth grade.

The fourth-grade slump occurs when phonics no longer helps them understand the content material. It can help them sound out words but, since reading is a brain activity, it can't help them understand.

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## Polish Hall Dancers have busy holiday



Kathy Dohnal

Kathy Dohnal covers the Madison-Venice scene for the Press-Record/Journal. Articles can be sent to 2108 Lynch or she can be contacted at 787-2077.

Polish Hall Dancers were guests at a holiday party on Wednesday, Dec. 16, hosted by the Parents Group. Pizza, snacks and dessert were served. Gifts of Polish ornaments were presented to the dancers.

Dancers attending were Jennifer and David Hartwick; Brittany Kult; Ashley Krawiecki; Cookie, Sonny and Robynne Fields; Geoffrey and Michael Lux; Hannah and William Kutosky; Becky Guenther; Natalie Ruessing; Liz and Matthew Hudzik; Frankie Holmes; Linda Dohnal; Vanessa Tutka; Elizabeth Woytens. Parents and guests were Rose Krystoska; Judy and Bob Kult; Cei Kowalezyk; Bobi and Mike Papa; Alexis and Geoffrey Lux; Holly and Bill Kutosky; Mark and Laura Guenther and Katie; Al and Erin Ruessing and Sam and Tony; Al and Diane Hudzik; Kathy Dohnal; Debbie Tutka; Joe Woytens; dance instructor Suzi Holmes; and director, Reggie Forsy, and husband, Ed.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the group provided entertainment for the annual Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Christmas party. Santa arrived with gifts for all the juvenile members. Refreshments were served.

Al Ruessing Sr., president, welcomed everyone and introduced the 12993 president, Alan Bonk.

The Old Times Sake Group met on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Rizzo's in Madison for dinner. They then went to the home of Connie Grupas for desserts and an ornament exchange. Attending were Gerry Mender, Dan Schermer, Pat Lalich, Kathy Dohnal, Betty Bucatch, and Mary Firtos.

The Quilting Club met for a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the home of Marie Szymeczek. A pot luck dinner was served, games played and a gift exchange held.

Members and guests attending were Mary Domenski, Mary Ann Bunk, Mary Venarsky, Katie Such, Catherine Measki, Vera Sikora, Helen Mooshegian, and Barbara Duffin.

St. Mary's Youth Group met for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 20. They prepared fruit baskets and cards and visited area homes.

Among those visited were Father Jim Keefner, who was celebrating his birthday; the sisters' home where Sister Linda Hyla joined them for the rest of the visit; Mayor and Mrs. John Bellcoff; Richard George family; Kathy Butchak and sons; Frank and Mildred Shaffer; Tom and Elsie Jordan; Delores Brunick and family; Ann Herman; and Margaret Kulasa.

At Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 p.m., the group dressed as angels and shepherds and did the readings and petitions. They prepared the crib scene by bringing in the statues.

Youths taking part were Amber Ballew, Danielle Stern, Bobbie Dorris, Deanne Stern, Tiffany Ballew, Craig Rickert, Brittany Ballew, Frank Dorris, Stacie Marler, Geoffrey Lux, Sarah Whitecotton, Michael Lux, Courtney Dohnal, Nick Paskus, Linda Dohnal, Vincent Paskus, Brittany Bulva, Eric Cromer, Lindsey Richert, Aaron Grey, Jessica Sipes, and Lindsey Sipes.

## Methodist Women hold Yule meeting

The United Methodist Women of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church held a general meeting Dec. 17 in the parlor of the church. Jennie Lynn Totten, Jennifer Offt and Stephanie Jacobs sang several Christmas songs for the group, accompanied by Kathleen Offt.

Jennie Lynn Totten gave a reading entitled, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson.

Kay Greene, vice president, conducted a business meeting. The executive group served as hostesses for the evening, and table centerpieces were angels.

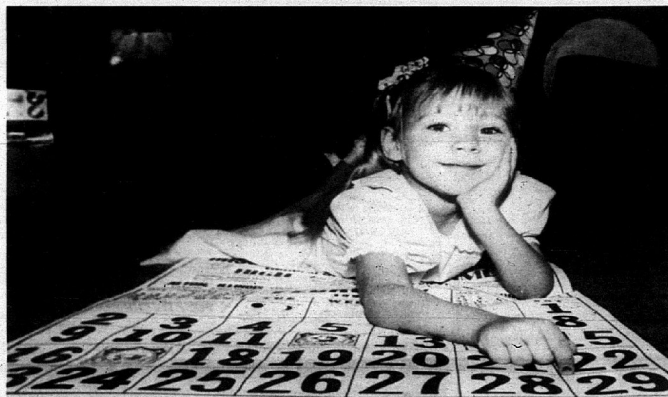
Each member present received a handmade angel favor, and the meeting was closed with the group singing several carols.

## The year in photos

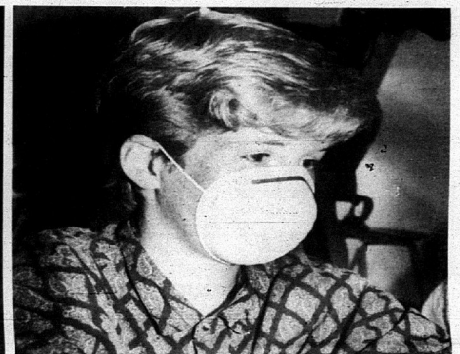
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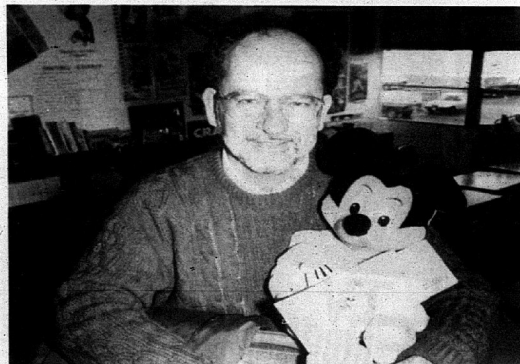
Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton shakes the hand of Madison Mayor John Bellcoff while Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, center, looks on during a campaign stop at the Bethalto airport in March.



Leap Year baby Ashley Evans points out the date of her first real birthday, Feb. 29, 1992.



Coolidge eighth-grader Josh Kee wears a protective mask as part of a class on the future of the earth's environment during the filming of a segment of Disney's Mickey Mouse Club in early June.



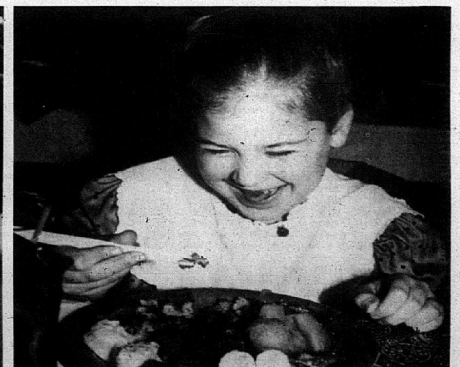
Traveling man Ed Schroeder, a Coolidge Junior High teacher, at the end of his year as Disney's Teacher of the Year.



Dan Guenther with the remains of an imported car that his patrons destroyed on Super Bowl Sunday at G's Night Club in Pontoon Beach.



Joan Anderson in front of the sign she put up in her yard facing the Melvin Price Support Center when the state of Illinois tried to sue her in July over child support she never received from her ex-husband.



Seven-year-old Kristen Schermer tries to use chopsticks at a Japanese dinner for the Granite City Council for Gifted Children in April.

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**YOUTH FOCUS:** What were the best and worst things in 1992?

(Asked of students at Madison Middle School, Lake School, Venice School.)

By Pam Deepke-Hurd.

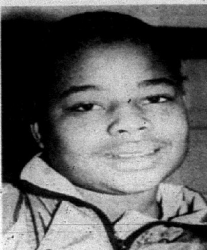
**Jeff Marcum, Madison**  
 "Best thing that happened to me was my birthday, and the worst thing that happened to me is my dad moving away."

**Latasha Beth Booker, Madison**  
 "The worst thing was the Rodney King beating and the L.A. riot. The best thing is that the election is here so George Bush can be out of the White House."

**Kenyota Johnson, Madison**  
 "The worst thing is all of the hurricanes that have happened everywhere. The best thing is that Florida is getting cleaned up. I care about the world."

**Rebecca Emery, Madison**  
 "The best thing in 1992 was I turned 10 years old. The worst thing in 1992 was the hurricane in Florida."

**Gierra Claggett, Madison**  
 "The best thing that happened to me was when I went to Disney World. The worst thing that happened to me is when my grandmother died."



LaYasha Williams

**Amy Byrd, Granite City**  
 "The best thing that went on during this year was when I saw my aunt for the first time in four years. She's a really neat person. The worst thing was when my best friend got diabetes. She was in the hospital for a week and I couldn't get in touch with her. I had no way of knowing until she called me and told me. Now she can't eat certain foods or drinks at parties. She has to drink diet soda and eat sugarless foods."

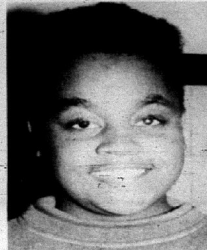


Portia Smith

**Kristen Koleff, Granite City**  
 "The best thing in 1992 is my birthday. I got a pretty white watch from my big sister. It had a real cool flip-top on it. I like my 90210 white watch. My uncle gave me \$2. It might not have been a lot but at least I had money. The worst thing that happened to me in 1992 was when my cat ran away. Little Bit was a pretty, white color. We could always find Little Bit anywhere because she was white. Little Bit was very playful. Little Bit chased my coat and played tag with my baby sister."

**Deron Powers, Granite City**  
 "The best thing was when I won the 3rd grade spelling bee in the computer lab. At first it was hard but then it was easy. The worst thing that happened to me was when I lost the Coolidge spelling bee. I was the 4th one out; it was terrible. How I lost the spelling bee was when I spelled relieve as relieve and then they rang the bell."

**Kevin Elliott, Granite City**  
 "The best of 1992 was when I played baseball. I play first base and shortstop. I also play pitcher. My batting average was .345. I hit five home runs. I



Darrell Jackson

also made a lot of friends like Steve Hoffman and Randy Whitehead.

The worst thing that happened to me was when I wrecked on my motorcycle and almost broke my leg. I jumped a big hill and fell off the motorcycle and landed on my leg. I could hardly walk. My uncle had to carry me to the house and put me on the couch. I had to sit there and watch TV all day. On the fourth day, I could ride my motorcycle again."

**Paul Deason, Granite City**  
 "The best days were when I went over to my friend's house. We played N.E.S. games like Gun Smoke and Turtles Two. The movie was Hook. After that, we played with some of my friend's toys. The worst days of 1992 were when I got my braces on. I could not eat caramel or chew gum. I could not take them off. I also had head gear. I had to wear it for 14 hours a day. I could not eat with it on."

**LaVasha E. Williams, Venice**  
 "The best thing that happened to me was when I had my birthday party. The worst thing was when I got in a fight."

**Portia Smith, Venice**  
 "The best thing that happened to me was when we got out of school. I like school, but I got



Nicole Prothro

tired of it. The worst thing was when my uncle died."

**Darrell Jackson, Venice**  
 "The best thing of 1992 was when President Bush lost the election. I loved it when that happened. We celebrated all night."

The worst that happened to me in 1992 was when I got a "P" in science. I hated that. When I told Momma, she didn't mind. She said, "Bring it back up."

**Aaron Hamilton, Venice**  
 "The best thing that happened in 1992 was George Bush was

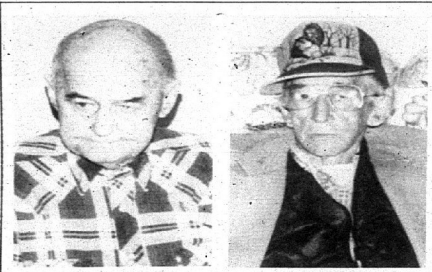


Aaron Hamilton

defeated by Bill Clinton. The worst thing that happened was the crime rate went up."

**Nicole Prothro, Venice**  
 "The worst thing in 1992 is drugs. And the best thing in 1992 is our people and peace on earth."

**Deandre Holmes, Venice**  
 "I think the best thing that happened in 1992 is that Bill Clinton got elected, and I think that the worst thing that happened in 1992 is the famine in Somalia and other countries in the world."

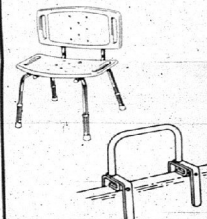


Melvin Mayes

Elvin Mayes

**Twins celebrate 90th birthdays**

A luncheon was held in a birthday celebration of twins Elvin and Melvin Mayes on their 90th birthday, Nov. 13. Born in Todd County, Ky., on Nov. 13, 1902, they married half-sisters on June 23, 1923, in Powderly, Ky. Melvin and Jimmie had nine children. Elvin and Hazel had four children. The luncheon and birthday cake was enjoyed by Joyce Maynard, of Coulterville; Dornalee Peach and Willowden Walker, both of Granite City; and Rosalie and Sonny King and Mrs. Melvin Mayes, all of Madison. Melvin resides in Madison and Elvin resides in Coulterville.

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When a husband and wife have their wills prepared, it is usually recommended that each spouse have his own will. Generally the wills in this situation provide that when the first spouse dies, all of this person's property will pass to the surviving spouse. The question sometimes arises in these situations regarding the status of the wills if the parties obtain a divorce after the wills are signed.

Illinois law provides that a dissolution of marriage (divorce) revokes any gift under a will to the deceased person's former spouse. This is true as long as the will was signed before the entry of the divorce itself. Therefore, there may be no need to have new wills prepared in the event the husband and wife are divorced since the former spouse usually would not receive anything under the terms of the original will.

In one Illinois case, a husband signed his will in 1959. According to the terms of the will, he left all of his property to his wife. The will also provided that if the wife died before him, all of his property would pass to his wife's son.

After the will was signed, the husband and wife obtained a divorce. Shortly after the divorce, the man died. The question arose as to who would receive his property after his death.

Applying Illinois law to the facts of this case, the Appellate Court held that the divorce destroyed any interest that the ex-spouse had under the will. Therefore, she received nothing at the time of her former husband's death. The trial court had gone one step further and ruled that the divorce actually revoked the will, and that therefore the stepson also was to receive nothing under the will. The Appellate Court, however, reversed this holding, and found that the divorce did not destroy the will and did not revoke it. The will remained in effect, but the former wife received nothing because of the divorce. The stepson in this case inherited all of the deceased person's property.

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## State police continue holiday roadside checks; 58 charged

Holiday revelers got a sobering reminder that you can't drink and drive on Illinois highways, Illinois State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer said.

The second roadside safety check of the 1992 holiday season, conducted Dec. 19-20, netted 21 driving under the influence tickets and 37 other alcohol-related offenses, he said.

"No matter what the season, driving when you're impaired is a criminal act that endangers lives," Gainer said. "Our aim during these operations is to clear the highways of individuals who are thoughtlessly placing other lives in peril."

Over the weekend, state troopers conducted safety operations in Districts 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Palos Park, Galesburg, Granite City and Rockford police departments teamed with the troopers in their respective areas.

In all, their joint efforts produced the following totals:

- ✓ Vehicle registration arrests — 2
- ✓ Vehicle registration written warnings — 45
- ✓ Drivers license violation arrests — 37
- ✓ Drivers license violation written warnings — 51
- ✓ Vehicle equipment arrests — 24
- ✓ Vehicle equipment written warnings — 150
- ✓ Failure to wear seat belts arrests — 147
- ✓ Failure to wear seat belts written warnings — 70
- ✓ Failure to use child safety seat arrests — 7
- ✓ Other Illinois Vehicle Code violation arrests — 53
- ✓ Other Illinois Vehicle Code violations written warnings — 103

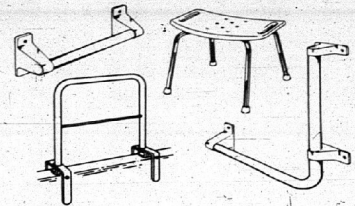
Alcohol or drug criminal arrests — 8  
Other criminal arrests — 19 (includes 14 wanted on warrants)

Some motorists at the roadside safety checks found that Santa arrived early for them and their children. Allstate Insurance Company donated 20 child restraint seats to the Illinois State Police to give to needy drivers who couldn't

afford them. Troopers distributed the safety seats during the operation.

"Allstate's generous donation embodies the true spirit of the season," Gainer said. "Through them, we were able to help families protect their children's lives."

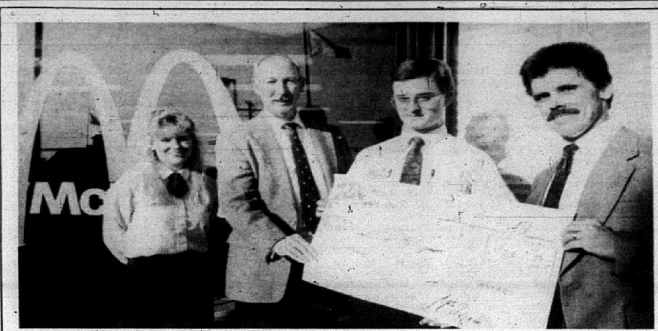
"We will, of course, be out in force against DUI through New Year's," Gainer advised.



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**Fund raiser pays off** — McDonald's restaurants of Granite City presented Granite City High School with a check for \$1,000 as its share from the spring sale of Warrior mugs. From left are Debi Consiglio, Johnson Road McDonald's activities representative; David Painter, principal of GCHS; Keith Eyer, manager, Madison Avenue McDonald's; and John Geiger, manager, Johnson Road McDonald's.

## Consumer spending will lead recovery, economists predict

Consumer spending will lead a modest economic recovery in Illinois in 1993, University of Illinois economists predict.

In the annual Illinois Economic Outlook, Illinois researchers say they expect retail sales to grow by 4.2 percent next year, driven by what they call pent-up consumer demand for appliances and cars following two years of recession.

As a whole, Illinois will continue to make a slow rebound from the 1991-1992 recession. "Although the pace of recovery is expected to be sluggish, economists agree that the recession is over," according to the annual "state of the state" report, to be released Jan. 15 by the Illinois Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

The Outlook predicts that the gross state product — the sum of all goods and services produced in Illinois — will increase to \$312 billion next year, or 3.2 percent over 1992 when adjusted for inflation. This compares favorably with a 2.8 percent GNP growth-rate forecast nationwide.

Employment, however, will not return to pre-recession levels. Since 1991, Illinois has lost more jobs than it has created, and the moderate growth in 1993 is unlikely to generate more than a nominal 0.1 percent increase in jobs.

"Unemployment is likely to remain uncomfortably high," the report states, "and employment prospects in some sectors will not be bleak." Long-term job loss is a critical issue in Illinois, according to the Outlook. The number of jobs in Illinois, as a proportion of U.S. employment, has fallen steadily since the mid-1970s. In 1976, Illinois had 5.9 percent of the nation's jobs; in 1991, it had 4.9 percent.

"Our forecasts for the next two years predict further deterioration," the Outlook says, with state employment projected to decline to 4.7 percent of the U.S. total in 1993.

"While the economic well-being of Illinois will continue to be primarily determined by the performance of the national

economy, it is difficult to be encouraged by this pattern of shrinking employment."

The goods-producing sector, which includes construction, mining and manufacturing, will bear the brunt of job losses in the coming year.

In 1991-1992, income from goods-producing industries in Illinois declined 5 percent and employment fell 6 percent. The Outlook foresees a modest 0.6 percent increase in income, coupled with an additional 1.2 percent drop in employment suggests that jobs, where available, will be in higher income positions.

Prospects for the service sector are more encouraging. Largely flat in the 1991-1992 period, income from service industries is expected to increase by 3.7 percent next year. Employment will lag behind, increasing 0.6 percent in 1993, the Outlook predicts.

Forecasts are based in part on national forecasts produced by Data Resources Inc. and the WEFA Group.

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# Obituaries

## George McDaniel

George Elmer McDaniel, 83, of Granite City, formerly of Batesville, Ark., died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1992, at the Colonnades Nursing Home, Granite City. He had been ill for four years.

Born in Paragould, Ark., on Aug. 13, 1909, he had been a resident of Granite City since 1972. He was an operating engineer in construction work for 40 years until retiring. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Masonic Lodge 342 in Walden, Ark., the Scottish Rite of Hawkins, Wyo., and Koran Shrine Temple of Rawlins.

Survivors include his wife, Vera McDaniel of Granite City, a daughter, Lillie Mae Skalsky of Granite City; a sister, Bulah Nash of Paragould; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Mary Eyrp; McDaniel; and a sister, Elizabeth Stanfield.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. today, Dec. 31, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Blvd., Granite City, where services will be held at 11 a.m. today. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

## John Prowell Jr.

John Ernest Prowell Jr., 67, of Brookline, died at 6:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1992, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.

Born in Poplar Grove, Phillips County, Ark., on Aug. 16, 1925, he was a resident of the Metro East area for the past 30 years. He had been employed as an auto mechanic for 30 years.

Survivors include his son, Bobby J. Prowell of Florissant, Mo.; his daughter, Mary Taylor of St. Louis; a brother, Stanley Prowell of Fayetteville, Ark.; five sisters, Martha King and Mary Walker, both of St. Louis; Ernestine Dotson of Chicago; Jimmie Esten Dotson of Little Rock, Ark.; and Willie Ann Jackson of St. Louis.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1993, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Officer's Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

## Eva Koriko

Eva Koriko, 94, of Granite City, died at 11:55 p.m. Dec. 29, 1992, at Meadowbrook Manor in Caseyville.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Memorial Mortuary. For more information call 876-4321.

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## Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**DIX, Nellie E. (Butler),** 87, of Granite City, died at 8:55 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Ralph Totten. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**DUNCAN, Helen (Dennis),** 77, of Granite City, died at 7:33 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1992, at Belleville Memorial Hospital. Services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Don Strator. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. Memorials to American Heart Association.

**ERDMAN, H. Mercedes** (Poole), 80, of Granite City died at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1992, at Meadowbrook Health Care of Caseyville. She donated her remains to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City.

**HONERKAMP, Miss Inelda,** 80, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died at home Dec. 3, 1992. Her remains were cremated. A graveside memorial service will be held at 10

## Rose Graham

Rose M. (Maycock) Graham, 77, of Madison, died Dec. 29, 1992, at Cedar Village care center. She was born Jan. 13, 1915 in Madison. She retired in 1960 after 29 years as a machine operator at Nesco. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one sister Jean Martin of Granite City and one brother Steve Maycock.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Rose Maycock; her husband, William H. Graham, who died March 23, 1986, and one sister Ann Vandaveer.

Funeral arrangements are by Irwin Chapel, 2101 Madison Ave. Services are 10 a.m. today with the Rev. William Fisherkeller officiating. Burial is in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

## Mary Kristian

Mary (Turck) Kristian, 81, of Granite City, died at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 28, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born May 16, 1911, in St. Louis.

She was married for 40 years as a cost department assistant at Granite City Steel. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sisters Hilda Lombardi of Granite City and Marge Norwood of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jacob A. and Katherine (Biege) Turck; her husband Louis Kristian, one brother Nicholas Turck and one sister, Ann Norwood.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel. For more information call 831-8000.

## Addresses

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the event of an emergency.

Several of the residents in attendance Tuesday said the revised numbering system was a hardship. They said they had to get new drivers licenses and new mail addresses. Some said they would even have to change their vanity license plates, which now reflect somebody else's address.

In a compromise attempt, Trustee Lou Whitsell proposed Tuesday that the ordinance be repealed, the numbers revert back to the way they have been for 30 years, and the street with duplicated numbers could be changed by adding a zero.

Under Whitsell's plan, numbers 24, 25 and 26 on the north side of the street would become 240, 250 and 260 Victoria Drive, respectively. Whitsell said the would remain as they had been for 30 years.

The old numbers worked for the past 30 years. I'm sure we can get by with them for another 30 years," Whitsell said.

Whitsell's motion died for lack of a second, so the sequential, unduplicated addresses remain.

Trustee Bob DeGraaf said a logical sequence of the numbers

## Richard Warren

Richard Warren, 48, of East St. Louis, died at 5:28 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 1992, in the Emergency Room at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis.

Born in Brooklyn on June 1, 1944, he was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area. He was self-employed as a carpenter.

Survivors include seven children, Sandra Warren and Richard Allen Warren Jr., both of Texas; Yvonne Warren and Richard Allen Warren II, both of St. Louis; Marcus Matlock Warren of East St. Louis; Audrey Richison and Karen Richison, five brothers, Charles Warren of Los Angeles, Leo Warren of Mulberry Grove, Ill., and Clifford Warren, Alvin Warren and Stephen Warren, all of Brooklyn; three sisters, Loretta Warren, Faye Warren and Marva Williams, all of Brooklyn; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 28, at Officer's Funeral Home, East St. Louis, with the Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

## Trivia

Since 1979 Illinois has built 15 new state prisons with a total construction cost of more than \$459 million. In 1973, the population in state prisons was 6,100. It is currently more than 31,000 and is expected to reach 38,000 by 1996.

is as important as non-duplication of addresses and responders. Postage-paid change of address forms are available in the Village Clerk's office, he said.

A number of residents said they were confused by opposing petitions that had been passed in the neighborhood when the revision was proposed.

In other action, the Village Board voted 8-0 to approve a contract with the police union, members of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 525.

Wilson said the contract includes substantial raises for dispatchers, policemen and sergeants, with smaller pay increases for lieutenants and the captain.

Our treasurer says we can't afford this, and there have been rumors in the village of layoffs," Wilson said.

"Those rumors are completely untrue. I do not foresee immediate layoffs and will avoid them if humanly possible."

"But I will not raise taxes because of this contract," Wilson said.

The union had not yet adopted the agreement Tuesday.

Trustee Bob DeGraaf said a logical sequence of the numbers

## Corps

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In retrospect, Greathouse said, the idea of holding ponds makes a lot of sense. "If you're what 10 acres of water three or four foot deep, you're talking about a lot of water."

"That's what that, before, was backing up at the pump stations, gumming up everything."

"It was really simple," but it took the Corps people to point it out.

"And the best thing is that it was all our property anyway — it was just sitting there — so the whole thing didn't cost us a dime."

When Greathouse was told the Corps of Engineers was planning to reorganize next month and cut 292 jobs at its St. Louis office, he said: "It was just about in tears. The ones they are talking about cutting (here) are the engineers, the ones we work with every day. It's all going to be run out of St. Paul or Louisville."

"If you think someone in St. Paul will know, or care, about what's happened here in St. Louis, you're crazy."

The Corps' reorganization,

## Track

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not told the union whether its offer was still on the table. He said the union was scheduled to meet with management on Wednesday. Because of early holiday deadlines, the Press-Record goes to press before that meeting.

Ozanic said on Tuesday that management would have no other official comment. She said it was "possible" that there would be a meeting Wednesday.

Union members met on Monday night to discuss the situation, Huff said. He said the meeting was split "about 50-50" over whether to give in and take the pay cut or to resume picketing the track.

Wilson said he has not picked since Dec. 23.

"I talked to an awful lot of people (at the meeting), and it seems like the consensus is that the meeting appeared to be split."

Meanwhile, a 22-year-old Troy resident who was hired on Dec. 23 as a replacement worker said management has assumed the

replacements that they will not lose their jobs to returning strikers.

"In fact, I signed a piece of paper that addressed a lot of our concerns about what if these people come back after a week or so?" said the worker, who asked not to be identified. "And they said that by signing this, it protects your job. It doesn't matter if 100 of them come back, we'll still have our jobs."

"They said there was a certain time for them to come back, and it was past," she said.

## Wolf

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it's going to happen.

"We need to make more of an effort to attract smaller businesses, businesses that employ 50, 100 or 150 people. I feel strongly that these businesses are the backbone of our country."

"Certainly, I'm not saying I would turn away a factory that would employ 3,000 or 4,000 people. I just think the chances of that happening are slim."

Wolf said he believes Granite City has the raw materials needed to make it an even better place in the next few years.

"Granite City has a lot of assets. We have the industry that hasn't left town — a lot of cities have lost everything."

"We have the port. We have transportation — train, river and truck — things other cities with our problems wish they had."

"And we have the hospital, which I believe is the second largest employer in the area. Our medical facility is something to be proud of and something other cities wish they had."

"I hope, for the city, the assets are here. We just need a little adjustment in the way the assets are viewed and used."

Wolf, who operates a real estate and insurance agency in Granite City, is a former Democratic national committeeman, having been chosen initially for that post in July 1976.

## SIUE

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the rate of inflation and for the current year were increased an average of 14.2 percent.

"We must make every effort possible to keep higher education affordable and accessible to the citizens of Illinois," he said Monday.

SIUE tuition was increased about 12.5 percent this school year, prompting a demonstration

announced last month, is scheduled to begin Jan. 20 and be completed by Feb. 1.

Greathouse said he believes that schedule doesn't allow for changes enough time to react.

"I'm right in the middle of a \$45 million project and they tell me the Corps office I've been working with is closing in one month. That's not right," he said.

Greathouse said one of the greatest assets of the local Corps of Engineers is its people with years of experience.

He said those people, in addition to their own expertise, have established connections with local firms and agencies with expertise in a variety of fields.

"For example, we had the electricity go off at the Madison pump station the day before Christmas," Greathouse said.

"The Corps hooked us up with an electrician who was an absolute magician and he had it back up in three or four hours."

"If it had been just me, it might have taken me three weeks for electricians before we got it fixed."

"These pump stations are not like a house or business, we're

replacements that they will not lose their jobs to returning strikers.

"In fact, I signed a piece of paper that addressed a lot of our concerns about what if these people come back after a week or so?" said the worker, who asked not to be identified. "And they said that by signing this, it protects your job. It doesn't matter if 100 of them come back, we'll still have our jobs."

"They said there was a certain time for them to come back, and it was past," she said.

The woman said about 75 replacement workers were on hand Monday for the first four-hour day of training in how to handle betting at the track. She said the workers were to undergo training again on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then be sent back to work.

The woman said she had been laid off about three weeks ago, and really needed the job.

"I took it because it paid good money, sure, but when I would go in as a replacement worker if I was in dire circumstances, I don't know."

He became a Democratic precinct committeeman in 1966, and served as the party's countywide secretary/treasurer.

While in the Illinois legislature, Wolf served on subcommittees on Elections, Executive, Insurance and Environmental committees, as well as the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Banks and Savings and Loan Committee.

He also served on the busy Illinois Motor Vehicle Laws Commission, which formulates legislation on road and automotive topics such as drunk driving laws.

Wolf and his wife, Mae, have two sons, Dave and Larry.

Wolf was born in Venice, attended Venice schools, and has lived in Granite City since the 1940s.

A member of the United Steelworkers while employed at Granite City Steel, Wolf was a loan officer and then assistant vice president of Mercantile Mortgage Co., working there seven years before entering the real estate and insurance fields in 1964.

Wolf in 1977 and '78 was legislative assistant to then-Secretary of State Alan Dixon.

He also served in the armed forces for five years and advanced to the rank of chief warrant officer.

ing building, with an estimated cost of \$19.2 million, was ranked 12th, while a \$6 million request for an Allied Health, Mathematics and Science Laboratory at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey was ranked 20th among 38 projects recommended for funding.

Lazerson noted the engineering building is slowly moving up the priority list but he said it may take another year to get approval for the money from the Legislature and the governor.

— From the Alton Telegraph

by some students last spring.

The largest percentage boost in state funding requested for higher education was for student grants, a requested 6.3 percent or \$13.1 million increase, Wagner noted.

The board staff also recommended a priority list for construction projects sought by state universities and community colleges and approved.

SIUE's proposed new engineer-

talking really complicated wiring. Some of the fuses cost \$1,000."

Another example of an area where the local Corps of Engineers office has been a big help, Greathouse said, is dealing with rights-of-way. The MESD is crisscrossed with railroad rights-of-way and most of the rights-of-way were last registered in the late 1800s to now-defunct railroads.

"Before we can do anything, we have to contact the current owner," Greathouse said. "When it was the lawyers and me, it used to take six months to track everything down."

"But the Corps has a guy who is an expert with railroad rights-of-way and knows all the right people at the railroads. He can turn these things around in two or three days."

"These guys are the 26 people the Corps is laying off. They're awfully smart and they know their jobs and they can't be replaced."

"Soon as I heard about this, I went to (U.S. Rep.) Jerry Costello and screamed my head off. They might as well cut off my arms and legs."

workers were being paid \$8 an hour initially, with the prospect of a raise to \$10.50 an hour soon. Union members said management's last offer would have cut their salaries from about \$20 an hour to about \$10.

The worker said she did think about the union clerks who could be losing their jobs.

"It makes you kind of wonder if you should take the job or not," she said. "I make more money if you were the one striking and it was you losing your job, but I don't know."

But Huff, who said he is very concerned about losing his job, said he also could see the other side of the coin.

"I think just looking at facts, you've got a lot of people who are out of work, and these people are trying to take care of themselves," he said. "We'd like to have some union and say, 'I'm not going to take these people's jobs,' but that's just not human nature."

"I don't know, if the position was turned around for me, I wouldn't cross anyone else's path," he said. "But when I would go in as a replacement worker if I was in dire circumstances, I don't know."

Angela Sue, stationed at Fort Belvoir, was a graduate of Granite City High School. The hall was decorated with balloons and streamers.

Guests were: Kowalsky, the Muir, Peg, Petrosky, Amy, Betty, Ballyn.

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## Stone 50 years

Charles and Ethel Stone of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6, 1992.

The celebration was given by their sons-in-law and daughters, Kenneth and Linda Harris of Granite City and Kenneth and Diane Gregor of the Lake of the Ozarks.

The event was held in the home of Kenneth and Linda Harris, with a buffet luncheon and cake served.

Mr. Stone and the former Ethel Hester were married at New Home Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Mo., on Dec. 24, 1942. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Earl Coats.

Mr. Stone is retired from his pest control business, where he worked for 20 years. Mrs. Stone is a homemaker.

There are four grandsons, Kenneth Harris of Pontoon Beach, Brian Harris of Granite City, Mark Gregor of Jefferson City, Mo., and Tony Gregor of Hazelwood, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Stone

There are three great-grandchildren, Heather Sorbie and Dylan and Cody Harris.

Out-of-town guests were Pearl Thomas of Poplar Bluff, Gene and Betty Edwards and Beatris Fredwell, all of Perryville, Mo., Lera Vaye Simpson of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gregor of Edwardsville.

## Bryan Lewis wins Marine promotion

Marine Lance Cpl. Bryan J. Lewis, son of William D. and Gloria J. Lewis of Granite City, was recently meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

Lewis received the accelerated promotion in recognition of outstanding performance of duty, proficiency and professional abilities. He is a 1991 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

## Eagles Auxiliary celebrates dinner

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 members celebrated Christmas with a dinner and party at the Eagles home, with 78 members in attendance.

The men of the Aerie prepared and served the meal, with proceeds to be donated to a charity of the Aerie choice. The decorating committee consisted of Ann Pates, Flo Stokes, Vincine Zellan and Florence Hagnauer.

A short meeting was conducted by President Joanna Spencer, with conductor Vera Johnson presenting the flag, emblem of the home and the Bible at the altar, with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Plans were discussed for a joint state officers' weekend to be held at the local Eagles Home on Jan. 15, 16 and 17. The auxiliary will have a meeting with initiation at 1 p.m. on Jan. 16 and the Aerie will have a District Meeting on Jan. 17.

A luncheon of soup and sandwiches will be available on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The local auxiliary kitchen band will entertain on Friday evening, followed by dancing to the music of Johnny Reed.

A banquet will be served on Jan. 16 at 6:30, with dancing following.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held on Jan. 12.



**Donations** — The Kiwanis Club of Granite City recently donated a total of \$1,300 to three local grade schools for their annual fund raising drives. This is the third year the club has donated to this cause. The money goes towards the purchase of new shoes and coats for the areas children in need. Pictured, from left, are: Steve Balen, Granite City Schools superintendent; Mark Eaverson, president of Granite City School Board; Walt Whitaker, principal, Marshall Elementary School; and Brad Eaverson, president of the Granite City Kiwanis. Also accepting contributions for their schools were Steve Davis, principal of Prather Elementary; and Helen Schmissner, principal of Lake Elementary School.

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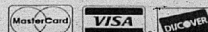
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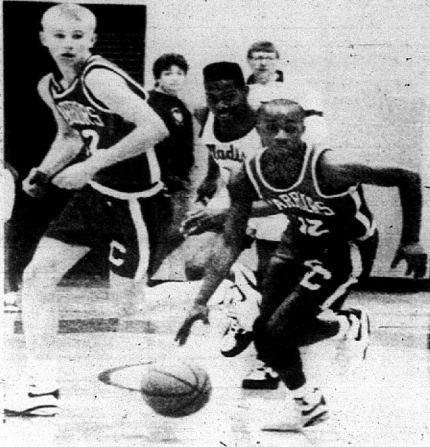






## •Tourney

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(Staff photo by FAM DOLFERHURD)

Granite City point guard Larry Mosby drives with the ball in the Warriors' 52-47 loss to Madison on Tuesday.

## •Girls

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combined for 12 of Centralia's 19 points. At the end of the third quarter, Centralia held a 20-point lead at 50-30.

Besides the dominating inside play of Summar Maines, another key to the game was that Granite City turned the ball over 32 times.

Lobdell was also without senior Carolyn Ryterski, who missed the game with an illness, as the Lady Warriors had to go most of the game with just their five starters.

Centralia Coach Ann Murray said, wearing down the Lady Warriors with the press was one of her objectives.

"Once our opponents tire out, our kids get more energy, and that is when our quickness takes over," Murray said. "When our press works, it works in spurts like it did tonight. We played hard, and the final outcome is a result of that."

Summar and Lucretia Maines combined to score 25 of Centralia's 31 points in the first half and continued to have their way in the third quarter. Lobdell

knew what an accomplished player Summar Maines was—and he had a plan to stop the Orphan Annie as a team.

"We haven't faced a player that was as strong as her all year," Lobdell said. "We were going to give her 25 or 26 and make the other players beat us, but they got too many easy baskets as a result of their press."

Murray was happy with Summar Maines both on and off the court.

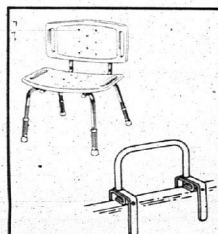
"Summar scored a lot for us today but her leadership was just as important," Murray said. "She maintained her composure and that was a big advantage for us."

Summar Maines just missed her career high of 29 points, and she hauled down 13 rebounds. Lucretia Maines was the only other Orphan Annie in double figures with 11 points. Michelle Reed helped out the Centralia attack with nine points.

Cavaness led the way for the Warriors, pumping in 14 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Dana Dresch chipped in with 12 points, and Stephanie Kult was also in double figures with 10

points.

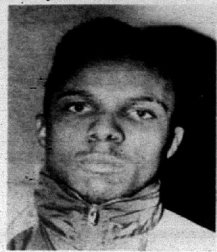
With the loss, the best the Lady Warriors could do was finish fifth in the tournament, while Centralia remained in the hunt for the championship.



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Trojans' final three baskets of the second quarter.

"We needed that from him," Collins said. "One man can't beat somebody. We have to have other players score to win. It makes us a much better team."

The game turned Madison's way in the third quarter, when Williams muscled up offensively and the Trojans held the Warriors to five points for the entire

quarter. After Nunes hit a 3-pointer at the 7-minute mark, cut Madison's lead to 35-29, the Warriors did not score again until Nunes hit a layup with three seconds left.

Williams gave Madison its biggest lead of the game with 1:53 left in the third quarter, when he hit a three-pointer immediately after blocking a shot by Nunes at the other end of the court.

"They have some good players," Van Buskirk said. "They did a good job."

Madison entered the fourth quarter with a 46-31 lead and managed to score just six points, but so did Granite City. The Warriors got another 3-pointer by Nunes to begin the quarter, a jumper by Jim Clatts and a free throw from Jason Black.

The Warriors were also hurt by sloppy play and turnovers.

"We just cannot play like that and expect to win," Van Buskirk said. "I thought in the first half, we played too fast."

"We just have to go back and start over again. We'll see where that takes us. A win would help."

Nunes had a strong tournament, following up his seven-point performance against Quincy with his season-high total Tuesday. He hit three 3-pointers.

"Les Nunes has played two

great games," Van Buskirk said. "I'm very proud of him."

The Warriors got a scare with just over three minutes left in the game, when point guard Larry Mosby had to leave the court because of a twisted ankle. Van Buskirk, however, said the injury was not serious.

The Warriors lost their fourth straight game and dropped to 2-6 on the season, while the Trojans improved to 2-3. The Trojans appear to be on the mend after a shaky 0-2 start.

After opening the season Nov. 28 with a loss to Collinsville, Madison spent two weeks off before playing again. The Trojans then waited another week before playing their next game.

Collins said the two layoffs have been a factor in the team's slow start. Playing well against Lincoln and then defeating Granite City helped the Trojans, who were scheduled to meet Urbana in the consolation semifinals Wednesday morning.

"We needed it badly," Collins said. "I think (the schedule) has had a big effect on us. We forgot how to play the game."

"I thought our kids played their best game of the year against Lincoln, and we improved on that today. The game experience is making a difference."

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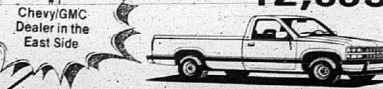
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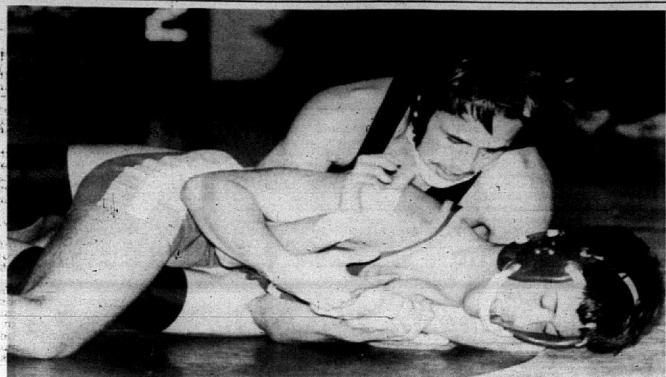
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Granite City sophomore T.J. Slay, shown here defeating O'Fallon's Brandon Prenzel, took just 1:48 to win his title match in the 125-pound weight class Tuesday.

## •Holiday

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Granite City had one other second-place finisher, Tony Buchek at 160. Buchek lost by pin to Roxana's Joe Hubbard, who recorded five pins in the two-day period.

At 189, Andy Richards captured fifth place. The Warriors had two wrestlers who finished sixth: John Venne at 130 and Jeff Witter at 171.

"Some of our kids lost, but they still went down fighting," Garland said. "We learned a lot

from this." The Warriors will now return to dual-meet competition. Granite City's next meet is Saturday at Canton against Quincy, Galesburg and the host school.

Up until this week, Granite City's goal was to do well in the

## •Field

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Elgin was a great help to the level of competition," Garland said. "In two years, this tournament could really be something. There were a lot of young kids wrestling this year."

Belleville East (80%), Rite-nour (80%), Civic Memorial (74%), O'Fallon (54), Riverview Gardens (43) and Triad (42) rounded out the 16-team field.

Granite City's strength in the lower weight classes enabled it to finish as the runner-up. Chris Hogan won the 103-pound class with a 3-0 decision over Oakville's Mark Patton and T.J. Slay pinned Elgin's Matt Longton in 1:48 for the 125-pound crown. Also, Pat Scheffer took second after suffering a 13-10 setback against Elgin's Kendrick Sanders at 112.

The Warriors' Tony Buchek received a second-place medal in the 160-pound class after losing to Roxana's Joe Hubbard, who recorded his fifth pin of the tournament — the most of any wrestler — 1:10 into the match.

In the 119-pound class, Oakville's Cedrick Brooks took first place. Matt Kanipe of Francis Howell North won the 130-pound

division; Hazelwood Central's Rick Casamano topped the 135-pound class and Carbondale's Jason Buchanan was the best of the 140-pounders.

At 145, McCluer North's Tim Davis scored a 23-9 win over Cahokia's Titus Taylor; East St. Louis Lincoln's Dan Reed defeated Chris Rink of Carbondale at 152; and Cahokia swept the 171- and 189-pound divisions as Luther Gilmer and DeMarco Suggs won their respective classes. Oakville's Dominique Beard was victorious in the 275-pound

division.

Other local wrestlers who received medals included Triad's Ian Murray, who placed third at 103; Chris Donohoo of Roxana, who took third at 112; Mike Lorts of Civic Memorial, who was third at 140; and fellow Eagle Jeremy Christeson, who was fourth at 160.

In addition, Alex Smiley placed fifth for Roxana in the 130-pound class and Civic Memorial's Ryan Bievenue took fifth at 171 as did Granite City's Andy Richards at 189.

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## Redshirting a feared result of new IHSA rule

Among recent Illinois High School Association announcements, the most stunning was not a decision by member principals to eliminate the Wednesday game from the postseason football playoff format. It was, instead, the decision to permit 19-year-old student-athletes to compete in a sport.

That means unless a player turns 20 during a season, he or she can participate.

THAT ALSO MEANS the way our society is today, every percent of every son or daughter born in this state will weigh the question of when to start that child in kindergarten.

IHSA executive director H. David Fry admitted "there's great concern about redshirting athletes."

"Fry is kidding when he says, 'We can scrutinize those kinds of things, and we see where people are manipulating that rule.'"

Come on, Dave! What parent would not want an edge that would lead to a college athletic scholarship?

"We voted against the proposal," Belleville East athletic director Dennis Bechtold



Art Voellinger

said in reference to the decision made by him and East principal H. Fred Curtis.

"It (having 19-year-olds eligible) may not affect us, but the smaller schools may have to play a 14-year-old freshman against a 19 going on 20 senior. That's not a healthy situation."

"I understand arguments on the other side, including discriminating against someone who has had academic problems or may have missed a school year due to a physical problem. But that still doesn't justify a 14-year-old vs. a 19-year-old."

THAT'S WHEN I asked Bechtold how old he was his sophomore year in college. The answer was 19 going on 20.

Sounds different when you take the IHSA change and compare it to a college sophomore playing against someone who conceivably could

be 14.

Bechtold also pointed to the possibility of students who are determined socially unable to advance from kindergarten and spend a year in what is called "transition."

Obviously, that student gains a year without penalty down the road, which could mean being 19 in the senior year.

"The idea of redshirting concerns me the most," said Bechtold.

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Holiday Tournament. Now that that has been accomplished, the Warriors are aiming toward February and the postseason.

"Our goal is still February," Garland said. "We don't want to just accept this. We have to keep improving."

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# Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

Large Schools	
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2. Riverview Gardens (1)	4.3
3. DeSmet (3)	7.1
4. DeSoto (8)	7.0
5. Chaminade (6)	7.0
6. McCluer (4)	7.2
7. St. Charles West (6)	7.1
8. Vashon (7)	5.2
9. Collinsville (9)	5.2
10. University City (NR)	5.2
Others receiving votes: Hazelwood Central, SLUH	

Small Schools	
1. Troy (1)	7.1
2. Jennings (2)	7.0
3. John Burroughs (3)	6.1
4. Festus (4)	6.0
5. Red Bud (6)	6.1
6. Gibault (5)	6.1
7. Cardinal Ritter (7)	6.1
8. Bensley	(10) 6.2
9. Priority (8)	4.2
10. Hillsboro (NR)	4.2
Others receiving votes: Lutheran North, Lutheran South, Roosevelt	

# Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large schools	
1. St. Joseph's (1)	3.0
2. House Springs (2)	11.1
3. Cor Jesu (4)	8.1
4. Howell North (6)	8.1
5. (tie) Parkway West (5)	6.3
6. (tie) Hazelwood East (3)	7.1
7. Howell (NR)	7.1
8. Lincoln (7)	7.2
9. Wentzville (9)	5.1
10. Nixa Hall (NR)	7.3
Others receiving votes: Parkway North, Normandy, Fox	

Small schools	
1. IWA (1)	7.1
2. Wellspring (2)	6.0
3. Visitation (3)	6.1
4. Visitation (4)	6.2
5. Troy (5)	6.1
6. Rosati-Kaim (6)	2.3
7. Kennedy (NR)	6.1
8. Burroughs (7)	4.1
9. St. John's (9)	7.0
10. Orchard Farm (8)	4.3
Others receiving votes: Metro East, Lutheran, Duchesne, Windsor, Phillips	

# Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

1. Oakville (2)	67
2. Francis Howell (4)	64
3. Hazelwood East (1)	52
4. Francis Howell No. (NR)	49
5. McCluer North (3)	44
6. Lafayette (5)	33
7. GRANITE CITY (6)	32
8. Wentzville (7)	24
9. Cahokia (8)	9
10. Parkway Central (10)	6



**Airbound** — Granite City High School basketball player Les Nunes goes up for a shot. Nunes led all scorers with 21 points in the Warriors' second-round game against Madison on Tuesday at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, but the Warriors lost 52-37. Nunes and the Warriors will be back in action next Tuesday at home against Civic Memorial.

# •IHSA

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examples and this scribe even made a decision to enter first-born son Robb later than necessary when kindergarten time came. I wanted him to be 18 his senior year in high school because I believed in 1971 and still believe today that boys mature later than girls.

I also had graduated from high school prior to my 18th birthday and did not want him to experience the same pressures I faced in competing against older athletes.

**DID THE MOVE** pay off? As luck would have it, Robb did not

weigh much more than 165 pounds upon high school graduation. By entering a NCAA Division III school (Maryville U. in St. Louis), he did not have access to athletic scholarship money.

Still, I felt he was more secure and confident his senior year in high school no differently than the large percentage of 18-year-olds who constitute the rosters of the boys state basketball finalists.

Will the same be said of other parents of the 1990s? My guess is yes, as long as the system allows for a 19-year-old to play sports.

**OVERTIME:** The football schedule change means starting the season a week earlier. Injuries related to playing on a Wednesday and then a Saturday were considered a reason for the schedule change.

The IHSA also addressed an in-district transfer rule in which athletes would have to sit out a year upon transferring. But loopholes still remain, especially if one school offers necessary studies that another does not.

I assume the rule means the end of the "open" district in East St. Louis, where Lincoln claims it has lost athletes to East Side without the athletes being ineligible for a year.

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## Shannon book a true story of success

By Ann-Marie Campos  
Staff writer

How do you spell success? B-o-b S-h-a-n-n-o-n.

As head coach of the East St. Louis Flyers Football team for 17 years, he has taught his team the secrets of success despite the surroundings. Under Shannon's direction, the Flyers have won six state championships: 1979, '83, '84, '85, '89 and '91, and have an overall record of 116-25.

"FOOTBALL IS JUST a game, and that's the way it should be," Shannon said. "But the way of going about accomplishing the goals of the game — to play as well as you can, to respect one another and cooperate with each other — can be used throughout life."

Shannon, along with journalist and radio personality Kevin Horrigan, have been appearing at local bookstores to promote Horrigan's new book, "The Right Kind of Heroes." The \$18.95 book, which is sold throughout bookstores nationwide, tells the story of Shannon and his improbable success amid the city's reputation for high crime and financial devastation.

"It's a tough situation to write about," Horrigan said. "There's a relentless history of bad things happening in East St. Louis. The difficulty was trying to organize

it so people could understand the circumstances that created the situation over there."

"I'd known Coach Shannon for a few years (as a sports columnist) and thought his story deserved a book, but I never had time to do it," said Horrigan, a broadcaster for KMOX radio.

THAT IS, UNTIL June of 1990. For the following two years he visited the team three to four times a week.

"It's a book about a football coach, but not really about football," said Horrigan. "It's about trying to create hope, trying to teach kids that life is tough but if you apply yourself and have some old-fashioned values, things can happen."

"This is a story that shows what people can do without the financial assets they think they have to have," Shannon said.

"With the ability to work hard, believe in yourself and respect in yourself and others you can have success."

And no one knows better than Shannon.

SHANNON, WHO HAS BEEN

named coach of the year four times in *The Sporting News*, was born and raised in a large, poor family in Mississippi. He won a football scholarship to Tennessee State, where he was a 12th round draft pick of the Washington Redskins. Cut in training camp, he turned to coaching and to East St. Louis in 1970. He is not only the head coach, but also the groundskeeper, security guard and the head equipment manager.

The hand-me-down uniforms, no running water in the locker rooms and weed-covered practice field doesn't seem to phase the winning spirit he has instilled within his players.

"Once they are in the program they hear about the commitment, discipline and respect that will carry them through life," Shannon said.

ALTHOUGH SHANNON'S dedication and commitment to his players has been paying off for years, the book is like an additional perk. Since it's been published, he and Horrigan have appeared on various television shows and radio shows — after football season, of course.

"People said I worked too hard, that I'd burn myself out," Shannon said. "I never thought this would be the reward. It's beyond my wildest imagination."



Bob Shannon

## Granite City Park District

Broomball (Dec. 21)		Jacobsmeyers		1-6		Wed. Basketball	
Men's division						Bindy's	
Medicine Shoppe	5-1	Maryland-Meats Ins.	4	Cat Daddies	3-1	Jacobsmeyers	3-1
Hook's 1	4-2	Maryland-Meats Ins.	4	Purple Planet	1-3	Purple Planet	1-3
Planet Granite II	4-2	Kilroy's 6	3	The Hyllas	1-3	The Hyllas	1-3
Planet Granite	3-2	Maryland-Meats Ins.	8	ASJ	0-4	ASJ	0-4
Sports Tap	1-5	KFC 6	1	Scores			
To Be Determined	0-6			Cat Daddies 90	The Hyllas 72	Jacobsmeyers 137	ASJ 83
Scores		Men's broomball (Dec. 14)		Bindy's 90	Purple Planet 77	Bindy's 90	Purple Planet 77
Hook's 2	Sports Tap 1	Medicine Shoppe	4-1	Purple Planet 70	ASJ 66	Jacobsmeyers 84	Cat Daddies 63
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Planet Granite II 18	Pizza Hut 3	Sports Tap	1-4	Rudy's Raiders	3-4	Rudy's Raiders	3-4
Planet Granite 6	Hook's 4			Bindy's Raiders	3-1	Bindy's Raiders	3-1
Medicine Shoppe 6	Sports Tap 3			Young Gunners	2-1	Young Gunners	2-1
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KFC	6-0	KFC	6-0	Sports Tap	1-3	Sports Tap	1-3
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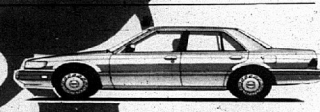
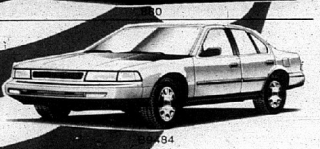
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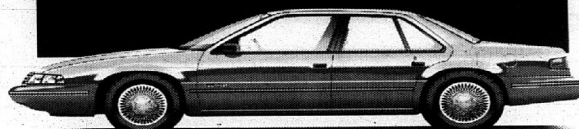


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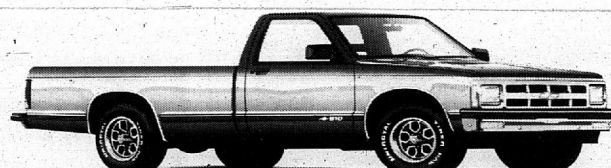


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## Belief in Teamster leader drives 'Hoffa'

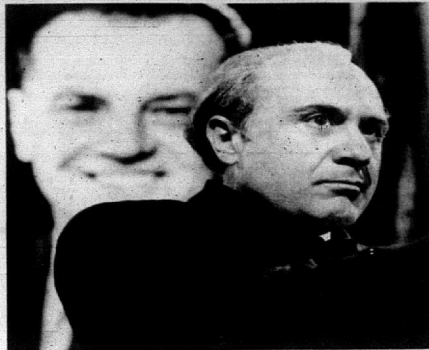
By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

In the course of researching and making his new film "Hoffa," director Danny DeVito, who also plays a Hoffa confidant in the picture, says he became a true believer in the legend of the controversial Teamster official. DeVito's devotion to portraying Hoffa's time with the labor union was so great that DeVito gave up his usual multimillion dollar salary for minimum union wages. This was to meet a \$6 million shortfall in "Hoffa's" budget.

"Jimmy Hoffa was a man who dedicated every waking hour to benefiting people," DeVito said. "They were people who had nothing and he brought them into the middle class. I sacrificed some of my own earning power because I thought that was a story worth telling."

According to A.H. Raskin, a correspondent who wrote about Hoffa from his early days in the labor limelight until his disappearance outside of a suburban Detroit restaurant in 1975, Hoffa was "a cunning, deceitful scoundrel."

Raskin says Hoffa was propelled by an aggressive self-confidence that was aided by a brigade of attorneys, nicknamed "the Teamster Bar Association" and led by the famed barrister Edward Bennett Williams, who made certain Hoffa's wishes were implemented and his power base remained unshakable.



Danny DeVito directs and co-stars in "Hoffa," which follows the turbulent career of the powerful Teamster boss over the sweep of four decades.

"My dad always told me there were three sides to every story," DeVito said. "There's your side, the other guy's side and then there's the truth. That's the way I feel about the story of Jimmy Hoffa."

"He wasn't ever really appreciated for the good he accomplished by the media. But just talk to the members. If he were alive today, he'd be elected head

of the union again in the blink of an eye."

When DeVito first read David Mamet's script of "Hoffa" in 1989, he says he knew he wanted Jack Nicholson to play the lead role. But Nicholson's prior commitments and DeVito's own busy schedule meant a two-year wait before the start of filming. During the wait, DeVito took advantage of every opportunity to research Hoffa and the labor movement.

"Hoffa was controversial because there were so many people after him," DeVito said. "There were people who hated him, and there were people on the other side who cared about him and thought he was a fair negotiator."

"Some members of the Teamsters might have thought he didn't do right by the union, but the rank and file never felt Hoffa was in office for any other reason but to help them, and his record in doing that is irrefutable."

"Hoffa made certain their kids could go to college. He made sure that their pension fund surpassed any other pension fund in the country. Today that pension fund is worth over \$11 billion dollars."

During his research for "Hoffa," DeVito accumulated several hours of film and tape footage to help him study the style and character of the ex-Teamster leader. Even after filming began, DeVito continued to watch tapes of Hoffa's public appearances. DeVito said he was trying to pin down "the things that made the man tick."

What makes the 48-year-old DeVito tick is a desire to act and maybe to direct again, if he finds another script that is "ready to go as a project." In the meantime, DeVito will star in a film called "Jack the Bear," due out in February.

employed to do his brother the president's bidding.

Armand Assante appears as a Mafia kingpin who hatches some money-making schemes with Hoffa. J.T. Walsh plays Frank Fitzsimmons, the Teamster official who was Hoffa's hand-picked successor when Hoffa went off to jail. Fitzsimmons then turned on the Teamster boss when Hoffa was released.

"Hoffa" is a film with a rich and realistic look at the time in which it is set. The cast is first-rate. Mamet's supposition of what happened to Hoffa when he disappeared is particularly vivid and brutal.

Rated R (language and depiction of violence); 140 minutes.

## Cast brings realism to 'Hoffa' story

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

The mystery and mystique surrounding the turbulent life of Jimmy Hoffa is presented with force and conviction by director Danny DeVito and screenwriter David Mamet in their new picture, "Hoffa."

Using fictionalized people and events that represent Hoffa's professional activities, "Hoffa" is sympathetic to the life of the infamous labor leader who disappeared in 1975.

However, the film is unable to shed any new, solid insights into the man. It occasionally strays off an exercise in apologetics on Hoffa instead of a motion picture

intent on portraying complete authenticity.

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Jack Nicholson is the powerful Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa, whose turbulent career is followed over the sweep of four decades, in "Hoffa."

## St. Louis Celebs

Dorothy Marshall

Costume designer, professor



Harry Hamm

Marshall, a native of Barrington, R.I., works frequently in costume design at the Repertory Theater of St. Louis. She also is a professor of that discipline at Webster University. She recently was named chairman of faculty for the university.

Marshall holds a master of fine arts degree in costume design from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She also has a bachelor's degree in drama from Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Marshall has worked in scenic and costume design at theaters across the country. She also has had assignments in that capacity for KSDK-TV (Channel 5), Maritz Communications Co., Plaza Frontenac and the VP Fair Foundation.

Marshall was nominated for an Emmy Award in 1985 for her design of the Decision '84 election coverage set for KSDK-TV. Marshall recently purchased a new home in Shrewsbury, where she lives with her Australian shepherd named Sidney.

The most difficult part of my work is: "Matching my designs with the actual people playing the roles. I get my assignment usually before the show is cast. I picture one thing in my mind, and then when I meet the actor who has been hired, it's sometimes a different type of person than I imagined and changes have to be made. I need a sense of the body type I'll be working with, and the actor has to feel comfortable with the costumes. The costumes also have to be complementary with the overall set and lighting designs, too."

My favorite kind of show to work on is: "Musicals. I also like to dress Shakespeare productions."

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# A model railroad fantasy

O'Fallon man's train set has 367 cars, 1,100 feet of track and 40 engines

By Jim Haverstick  
Staff writer

When Pete Sanborn tells people he has a model train set they usually picture a 4-by-8-foot piece of plywood in the basement with a track running around it, he said.

They never imagine that he has 1,100 feet of mainline track running through the second floor of his 28-by-36-foot two-story garage.

"There is something everywhere in this room," Sanborn said. "We have so much there is no place left to go."

His garage is every railroad fanatic's fantasy.

Sanborn, of O'Fallon, named his fictitious railroad company Sierra Central.

His train set has 367 cars on the tracks, more than 40 engines, 183 slow moving switch plates to route the cars, 107 on-line industries including a stock yard, steel mill and an ice factory.

It includes mountain trestles, tunnels, villages and even a staged derailment from a bridge also.

The train set takes up so much space that it runs through a wall into the bathroom, out the other side, over top of the staircase and through the walls of Sanborn's office.

The entire layout is complete with working lights and traffic signals.

It takes 19 minutes for a locomotive to run the entire layout.

Each passenger station has a hidden speaker to announce the trains entering and leaving the stations.

Train whistles sound off from the intricate sound system also.

There are television cameras that monitor the tracks including tunnels and the office. There is an electrical censor that can tell the engineers if there is a short anywhere in the system and on what line.

The trains, lights, switches and signals are all operated by a Tandy 1000 computer terminal on the first floor of the garage. However, there are 16 hand-held throttles set about the tracks so that the trains can be operated manually as well, said Art Villard, one of the many contributors to the Sierra Central.

The railroad company has members from Belleville, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, Hecker, Millstadt and St. Louis.

Villard spends many hours each week working on the train set. He usually reserves Wednesday nights to work on the trains.

The other contributors come and go at their convenience.

"I've liked trains all my life. I guess it is just in my blood," Villard said. "Other people like water skiing, fishing or camping. We like trains."

Sanborn easily spends 50 to 60 hours each week working on the trains.

He often jokes that building model railroads can be such time-consuming, tedious and frustrating work that he wouldn't do it for a million dollars. But he ends up doing it for free.

In fact, he has spent thousands of dollars of his own money on the project over the last five and a half years.

To protect his investments he has the Sierra Central train collection insured for \$150,000.

"I guess you could say I am a fanatic, even crazy," Sanborn said. "But it is a lot of fun."

The train set is filled with his sense of humor.

The set includes a bungee jumper from a rope bridge, a hand glider stuck in a tree, nude swimmers flashing Amtrak

passengers, a hobo camp under a bridge, a car wreck being cleared away by an ambulance crew, mountain climbers looking for a man who fell off of a cliff and a burlesque tavern with nude dancers.

He even has a display set up for children who can't obey the "hands off" signs. It is a tiny jail at the edge of the river where children are being locked in stockades and hung from a gallows. One of the funniest attractions, however, is the sound of the cows in the stockyard mooing.

The stockyard was created by coal miner Jeff Muehl of Hecker. The stockyard is a single section of the set that can be lifted out in once piece.

Sanborn said Muehl would take the miniature cows with him to work and paint them on his lunch hour.

"So the cattle were all

hand-painted underground," he said.

The details of the stockyard are so minute that the gates swing open and closed.

Sanborn said he would like to add a circus train to the set but there is no room left for it. The next step would be to add on to his house to make room for more trains.

The public can view the train set from 1 to 6 p.m. every Sunday from Thanksgiving to the end of December. He also arranges special tours for groups.

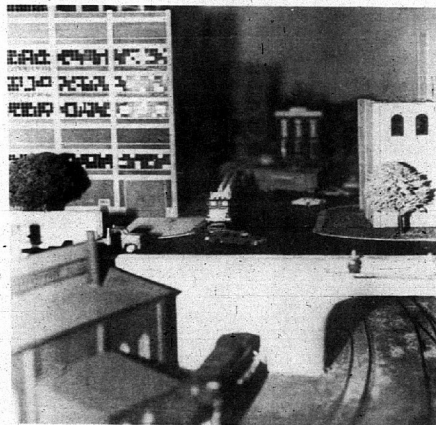
The train set is located at 115 Elm St. in O'Fallon. Parking is available on the street.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children or \$5 per family.

Sanborn charges admission during the holiday open house only because his electricity bills were reaching \$700-800 per month.



Art Villard puts an engine back on track.

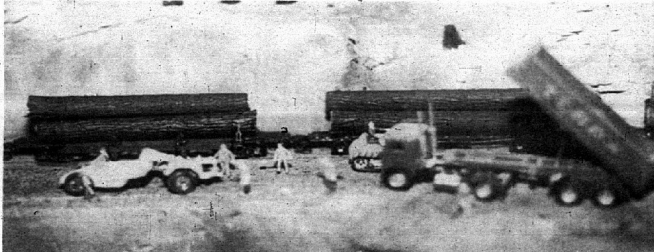


One of the new city street scenes built on the set.



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Pete Sanborn looks over a part of his model train set.



A logging camp on the railroad set.

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The tiny detail of the train set show a man on the cliff watching the train go by.